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Timely Tidbits ...

City's "Dog Days"

The Romulus Animal Shelter (located at the corner of Shook and Bibbins) will host its annual Dog Days program from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, when Dr. Keith Cook from the VCA-Southland Animal Hospital (located on Eureka Road in Taylor) will be on hand to administer a variety of dog and cat inoculations at discount prices. Among those shots offered will be one-year rabies (\$5), three-year rabies (\$10), five-in-one distemper (includes parvo, hepatitis, parainfluenza, and leptospirosis – \$15), and five-in-one distemper with corona (\$25) shots, as well as shots for bordetella and Lyme's disease.

In addition, for a fee of \$30, pet owners can have an ID microchip inserted into the neck of their dog or cat. Romulus Animal Control officer Kim Matthews says that the quick and easy procedure is entirely safe, and gives owners a better chance of recovering lost or stolen animals.

Finally, owners will have a chance to acquire or update their dog's license (cats don't need one) for a one-year (\$5) or three-year (\$13) period. Senior citizens and owners of spayed/neutered pets can pay the discount rate of \$1.50 for a one-year license or \$4 for a three-year license.

For more information, call the Animal Shelter at 942-7591.

Volunteers Wanted

The Romulus Middle School (RMS) is currently seeking volunteers to perform a variety of services. Interested individuals are invited to attend a volunteer orientation, to be held in the RMS media center on Wednesday, February 26, from 6 to 7 p.m.

RMS has also announced that Parent Compact coordinators Deena Houston and Michelle Wolff will be available in the building each Monday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. to answer questions concerning the Compact and/or RMS volunteers' duties.

For more information, please call 722-1050, ext. 226. □

City Attorneys Recommended Citrin Drive Site for EDS Well Project, According to Affidavits



Douglas Wicklund

By Kristi Stephens

Sworn affidavits recently released by Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), assert that the company purchased property on Citrin Drive for the development of a second deep-well facility based on the recommendation of the City's attorneys and City Planner Dennis Meagher.

The affidavits were prepared in order to address numerous inquiries regarding how and why the company selected the site, according to EDS owner/president Douglas F. Wicklund.

"Over and over again, we have been asked why we are pursuing a second well facility in a community that continues to oppose our initial project," said Wicklund. "The confusion seems to stem from people's misunderstandings concerning the City's litigation against our already constructed well near Wahrman Road. The City's lawsuit is based entirely on the City's claim that our first well is located on an improperly zoned piece of property. The City, its attorneys, the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals, and Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Claudia Morcom have all indicated that the proper zoning for projects such as ours is MT-2. It was in order to comply with their recommendations that we have purchased properly zoned land on Citrin Drive for a new well facility.

"Hopefully," he added, "these sworn statements that EDS vice-president

Austin Marshall and I have prepared will clear up the matter of what has actually transpired between the City and EDS, once and for all."

Wicklund's affidavit was explicit as to how his company came to choose the Citrin Drive property in particular for its project.

"On approximately July 27, 1995," he stated, "I attended a Pre-Trial Conference in the Federal Court Building, Eastern District, in Detroit, with my attorney, Lawrence Ternan and Austin Marshall, Vice President of EDS. Also in attendance at the Conference, which was called by Judge Julian Cook, in an attempt to settle the EDS/Romulus litigation, were Romulus City Councilpersons Jimmie C. Raspberry, N. Peter Bergeron, Ellis Pennington, Michael Prybyla, William Wadsworth and Randolph Gear, City Clerk Linda Choate, and City

attorneys Mark Jacobs, Steven Winter and Barry Seifman.

"At this conference, Mr. Ternan presented a Proposal to the City Attorneys wherein EDS offered to move its deepwell project to the MT-2 zoning district and, once new well permits were obtained and a successful new well was drilled and tested, EDS would plug and abandon its already constructed well in the M-1 zoning district and 'write-off' the millions of investment dollars already invested in the project.

"After making the Proposal, Mr. Ternan advised me that there appeared to be genuine interest on the part of the council members, as expressed through the City attorneys.

"Then, Mr. Ternan, Mr. Marshall and I walked down the hall to another, smaller conference room. Mr. Seifman came

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Teacher Nominated For Award



Sheila Stasak

By Cathy Kudra

Sheila Stasak, a second-grade teacher at Halecreek School, has been nominated for the Newsweek-WDIV Outstanding Teacher Award by fellow staff members. Nominees will be judged at the County level by a committee representing several educational associations. Winners will receive \$2000, which will be awarded at a banquet in their honor in the spring. All Wayne County nominees will be recognized at the Wayne County RESA Golden Apple Awards Program on May 7.

Sheila Stasak has been recognized

for her ability to excite students to enjoy learning, and for increasing knowledge, talents, and self-esteem in her students. She views each child in her class as "able and gifted" in his/her own special way. She focuses on each child's strengths, and works from that point to meet each child's needs.

Stasak has always demonstrated a willingness to assist students' families. She helps parents understand the needs of their children and assists them in getting necessary services and materials. Presently, Stasak is serving on a fund-raising committee to help raise money for medical expenses that have been incurred by the family of a Halecreek student who has a brain tumor.

Over the years, Stasak has freely shared her time, knowledge, materials, and support with fellow staff members. She has assumed an active role in training new teachers in the "mastery learning process," as well as fulfilling other expectations of the Romulus School District. She has consistently represented staff concerns and needs at staff, grade-level, union, and School Board meetings. She has helped staff members function as a team by valuing each of them. Most importantly, she realizes that everyone has something to share to make schools a better place for children and staff alike. □

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

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Reader Favors 4-year Term for Elected Officials

Dear Romulus residents:

When I go to the poll to vote, I am giving a very important part of myself: my confidence and trust. I want the person I vote for to do what is in *the best interest* for *all* the citizens of Romulus, not just for me.

I am sorry to see that the citizens of Romulus' best interests are not being served at this time.

Each one of you on the City Council seems to be fighting your own battles and/or fighting with each other. There are those who wish to keep the EDS well issue going, those who wish to bring up the past constantly, and those who want to stay in good graces with the past administration.

I keep waiting for the entire Council to inform Council Chairman Randy Gear that he is out of order. He needs instruction to properly understand his duties. In our City's history, he is the only Mayor Pro Tem with a bad attitude. What a shame. Maybe the Council needs to watch a previous Council meeting one Monday night; that would let them see how immature their actions are. It's time to *wake up*, Council, and do things for the Present Day, Time, and Future.

You have an opportunity to save the taxpayers of this community \$10,000 or more per election, establish stability in the system, and bring about many other benefits by voting to place the question of a "four-year term for elected officials" on the ballot. I believe the record will show past support for this issue by both Councilman Gear and Councilman Bill Wadsworth; now they are stalling! Why?

Remember the deep-well issue that never got on the ballot either? We, the taxpayers, never got the privilege to say "yes" or "no." It is easy to say an issue has been on the ballot in the past and been turned down. That is only an excuse. Times are changing, and we are far behind other communities in our area. Our residents need to be informed as to the many benefits of this issue.

Who the Mayor or members of the City Council happen to be – that has nothing to do with the issue at hand. We need to make it possible for elected officials to have adequate time to make

long-term plans and goals, and then see them through to completion. The savings in the cost of unnecessary elections, as well as the benefit of attracting highly qualified people to run for public office *due to a longer term*, will far outweigh the old two-year program.

Respectfully,

Mr. E. H. Jones, A.A., B.A., M.A.
Romulus

Festival Committee Looking for Volunteers

Dear Romulus residents:

Volunteers connected with the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee are working hard to create a street festival for the downtown Romulus area, but we still need the help of everyone in our community to make it a reality.

Please, don't wait to be invited; everyone is welcome to participate and to attend our meetings.

The Festival Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the community room, downstairs, at Romulus City Hall, 11111 South Wayne Road.

If you participate in a civic-service, youth, or school group, or belong to any club or organization in our community, please consider planning one of your fund-raising events at the Festival.

The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is currently taking applications for crafters, merchandise vendors, and food vendors. We are also looking for entertainers and performers to show off their talents.

If you would like more information about the Festival or Committee meetings, or would like an application, call Susan at 941-0476 (before 8 p.m.), or Maria at 942-7543 (before 5 p.m.). For information about entertainer and performer applications, contact Ellen at 942-9207 (between 3 and 8 p.m.).

Thank you.

Susan Watts, Committee member

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Halecreek Kids Demonstrate Message of Dr. King

By Cathy Kudra

On Friday, January 31, children from Halecreek's kindergarten through sixth grade shared their understandings of the important message that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. taught and lived during his lifetime.

Halecreek's fourth-graders started the program by singing the Anthem Medley: "Let Every Voice Sing":

*America, America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good
with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*

Next, several sixth graders read their reports on "Why We Remember Dr. King." Marcus Milam said: "Dr. Martin Luther King was a man who didn't believe in violence, and someone who stood up for what he believed. Because of him, people aren't judged by the color of their skin, but by who they are." Nabila Khan said: "Dr. King believed that all people should be treated as equals." LaShawnda Harris said: "Dr. Martin Luther King had a dream that all children could go to good schools and be treated fairly."

The kindergarten children recited a poem about "Freedom" and sang a song about "Brotherhood." Then several of the kindergartners shared what freedom and harmony means to them. Louis Clinkscales said: "Freedom means I can play with anyone I want to." Filmore Bouldes said: "Harmony means we should talk about our problems and not fight." Lauren Alley said: "Freedom means everyone can have good schools like Halecreek."

Several third-graders told about Recipes for Friendship Soup. Brian Wilson's recipe was as follows:

F... 4 cups of fun
R... 3 tablespoons of respect
I... 1 gallon important
E... 4 gallons education
N... 4 gallons nice
D... 5 gallons delightful
S... 10 gallons of safe and smart
H... 20 gallons of happy
I... 40 gallons of important
P... 70 gallons of precious

Fifth-graders LaJoya Orr, Karen Hunt, and DeQuisha Howard sang "One Song" and "We Are The Ones." Miss Garrity's fifth-grade class worked cooperatively to develop and perform a play depicting *The Life and Works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

"The Impossible Dream" was beautifully sung by Halecreek volunteer parent and program organizer, Ellen Bragg.

Mrs. Jones' third-graders ended the program by singing "We Shall Overcome."

On this special day, the life and dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came alive in the words, songs, and plays performed by Halecreek's children and parent volunteer, Ellen Bragg. The Halecreek School Community continues to strive to live Dr. King's Dream by helping students develop their talents, strengthen their skills, and broaden their views. Thus, they will be able to make choices based on the "content of character" rather than the "color of skin." At Halecreek, children of different backgrounds and cultural heritage ride the buses to school together, learn together, share food together, play together, and learn about and develop respect for one another. They practice peaceful problem-solving techniques daily. Thus, they strive to Live the Dream of Dr. Martin Luther King. □

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Kindergartner Arianne Drebel reciting, "Harmony means we should play with everyone and share."

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Community Calendar

- **Banquet Honors Chamber's Person of the Year** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 17th Annual Person of the Year Awards Banquet honoring Geneva Clark will be held at the Romulus Marriott on Friday, March 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Chamber Office; checks for the donation amount of \$30 per person should be brought in or mailed to the Chamber (located at 31200 Industrial Expressway in Romulus) no later than Friday, March 14. For more information, contact Karan Johnson, executive secretary, at 326-4290.
- **Noises Off** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive, across from Michigan Memorial Park, in New Boston) will present Jack Heifner's bittersweet comedy, *Noises Off*, on Friday, February 21, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, February 22, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, February 23, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults/\$6 for senior citizens and students. For ticket information or reservations, please call 782-5380.
- **Little League Registration** – Romulus Little League Baseball will accept registrations for its 1997 season at the Romulus Recreation office (located at 36515 Bibbins) on Saturday, February 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$25 per individual or \$40 per family. (Note: Every player must sell two cases of candy and/or donation cards or pay \$50 extra.) To register youths ages five to 18 (player's age as of July 31, 1997), a parent or guardian must bring an original birth certificate and proof of residence, along with the entire registration fee. Early registration is encouraged, since fund-raising money turned in by March 7 earns players a bonus!
- **Lenten Season at St. Paul's** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend Lenten Worship (7 p.m. on February 26 and March 5, 12, and 19) and All-you-can-eat Fish Dinners (5 to 7 p.m. on February 21 and 28, and March 7, 14, 21, and 28) featuring baked and deep-fried fish, French-fried and scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, roll, macaroni, jello, dessert, and drink (tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages five through 11). For more information, call the Church at 753-9048.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The Tons of Fun Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-1802.
- **Give Your Child a Head Start** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting applications for eligible three- and four-year-old children. This free preschool program, located at Beverly School, serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, or to apply, please call 728-7815.
- **Romulus Little League Meetings** – The Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its regular meetings, held at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (next meeting: March 5) at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins).
- **RHS Track Open To Public** – Just a reminder to all you winter walkers that the track in the Romulus High School gymnasium is open to the public weekdays from 6 to 7:30 a.m., and is also available from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays if the gym is not being used by one of the student sports teams. (When the gym is in use, walking is permitted in the school hallways, instead). For more information, contact the Athletics Office at Romulus High School: 941-2170.

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Bennett Bill Would Eliminate Residency Requirement

Municipal employees, currently forced by local governments to live within established boundaries, may soon be freed from this requirement without fear of losing their jobs, under legislation recently introduced by Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township).

"Residency laws impose undue hardships on employees and their families," Bennett said. "It's not farfetched to assume residency laws have the potential to break up families by forcing separate living situations in the name of compliance with intrusive local government. This is a matter of preserving the freedom that every American has to choose where they work and live."

Bennett said that many local governments, including those in several of the State's largest cities, require employees to live within their municipal boundaries.

"It's simply unfair. To mandate where a citizen may reside conjures up images of Big Brother; residency requirements are obtrusive at best, and a violation of personal liberty at worst. It should be the employee's decision where he or she lives and raises a family. This legislation will leave that decision to the individual, not the municipality," said Bennett.

In other areas . . .

Resolution Urges EPA To Base Standards on Facts and Research

In a recent Senate Session, Bennett reported his belief that Michigan taxpayers, businesses and local governments could find themselves bearing the economic brunt of another Federal mandate from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that is very possibly unnecessary and, at best, arbitrary.

Bennett introduced Senate Resolution 22, urging the EPA to carefully review its own proposal to establish more stringent ozone and particulate matter standards before imposing those standards upon the states.

"Michigan has a strong record of working hard to attain health-based standards premised upon sound science," Bennett said. "Our citizens want clean air and a healthy environment and we have demonstrated our willingness to go to great lengths to achieve that."

Bennett indicated that he was particularly concerned about the possible reinstatement of such practices as auto emissions testing, which was burdensome and costly to Michigan citizens. Bennett is asking the EPA to slow the momentum on raising the current ozone and particulate matter standards.

"There is no compelling scientific data to indicate that raising these standards would have a significant effect upon the general health of the populace or the environment. The EPA is placing the cart before the horse."

Bennett's resolution requests that the EPA reaffirm current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone and certain particulate matters and refrain from establishing new NAAQS for other particulate matters at least until necessary research and monitoring data can be gathered to answer outstanding scientific questions.

Bennett's resolution calls for further investigation of questions regarding the following:

- divergent opinions among scientists who have investigated the issue;
- exposure misclassification;
- measurement errors;
- lack of supporting toxicological data;
- lack of a plausible toxicological mechanism;
- lack of correlation between recorded PM (particulate matter) levels and public health effects;
- influence of other variables; and
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The concurrent resolution was referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee for consideration. □

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into the room and Mr. Ternan left to find the other City attorneys. While we were waiting for Mr. Ternan to return, Mr. Seifman spoke to Mr. Marshall and I and appeared to be overjoyed at the prospects for settlement, based on EDS' new Proposal. I recall Mr. Seifman making the statement to the effect that the new proposal gives the City what it needs to settle and save face politically. He appeared to be so positive on the issue that I thought we had actually resolved the entire problem, except for details and then reducing everything to writing. . . .

"On approximately August 9, 1995, I attended a follow-up meeting with Mr. Ternan, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Seifman, Mr. Winter and Mr. [Dennis] Meagher, the City Planner, at the Dykema Gossett law offices in the Renaissance Center. . . .

"As the meeting proceeded it was clear that the emphasis was on locating an MT-2 property which would be satisfactory to both EDS and the City.

"Mr. Marshall then entered into a lengthy discussion with the City attorneys and Mr. Meagher. He advised them of our unsuccessful efforts to locate an MT-2 property that was for sale and also of the MDEQ [Michigan Department of Environmental Quality] 200' setback requirement for facilities like EDS' well project.

"Mr. Jacobs then went to another office and returned with a large colored map of Romulus which contained MT-2 properties which, according to Mr. Jacobs, were acceptable to the City. . . . Mr. Jacobs then explained that Romulus was in the process of amending its ordinances so that EDS' well project, and others like it, would have to locate in the MT-2 district and that there were additional strict requirements.

"As the meeting progressed, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Meagher agreed that there were two properties which would be mutually acceptable; a railroad-owned property located on the west side of Inkster Road, and property

owned by Wendell Flynn and located just west of the Total Oil Co. petroleum storage tanks. Regarding the railroad property, both Mr. Marshall and I expressed concern that development of a new well project at that location would bring a strong negative response from the City of Taylor. Mr. Seifman then spoke up and assured us that Taylor was not a problem, 'because it was none of Taylor's business'. . . . Mr. Meagher . . . expressed his preference that the Flynn property be acquired for EDS' new MT-2 well project. Then there was discussion about the need for 30 acres to meet the City's new requirements. I said that was too much - EDS only needed 10 acres. Mr. Jacobs then assured Mr. Marshall and I that 15 acres would be acceptable to the City, but nothing less. Mr. Jacobs then told us in no uncertain terms that he thought the Flynn property was ideally suited for the well project because of the heavy industrial uses surrounding it and he urged us to acquire . . . 15 acres from Mr. Flynn for our new project.

"Based on the recommendations and urgings from Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Seifman and with the knowledge that Romulus' City Planner, Dennis Meagher, concurred with their recommendation to acquire the Flynn property for EDS' new well project, I instructed Mr. Marshall to contact Mr. Flynn and to negotiate the acquisition of . . . 15 acres of his property."

Particularly stressed in Wicklund's affidavit was his belief that pursuit of an MT-2 site was crucial to bringing about a settlement with the City.

"During the month of October," he stated, "I called Mr. Jacobs to discuss with him a few of the details of the latest

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The Mayor's Chair 6:30 p.m.
(rebroadcast - third Monday of each month)
Regular meetings of the Romulus Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
(live - third Monday of each month)

Tuesdays

Regular meetings of the Romulus Cable Commission 7:30 p.m.
(live - third Tuesday of each month)

Wednesdays

The Job Show 6:30 p.m.
(hosted by Michigan Employment Security Commission)
People and Policy: A Common Sense Agenda 7:00 p.m.
(hosted by State Senator Loren Bennett;
this month's topic - Michigan's changing DNR)
Regular meetings of the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals 7:30 p.m.
(live - first Wednesday of each month)
Regular meetings of the Romulus City Council 7:30 p.m.
(rebroadcast of previous Monday's meeting -
second and fourth Wednesdays of each month)

Thursdays

People and Policy: A Common Sense Agenda 11:30 a.m.
(hosted by State Senator Loren Bennett;
this month's topic - Michigan's changing DNR)
Regular meetings of the Romulus City Council 12:00 p.m.
(rebroadcast of previous Monday's meeting -
first, second, and fourth Thursdays of each month)
The Mayor's Chair 6:30 p.m.
(live - second Thursday of each month;
this month's guests: Fire Chief David Allison and
Police Chief Charles Kirby)

Fridays

The Mayor's Chair 12:00 p.m.
(rebroadcast - second and third Friday of each month)

Public Access Channel (Channel 43)

Tuesdays

Miscellaneous tapes 11:00 a.m.
(tapes submitted by local schools and community groups)
The Jamal Rasheed Show 6:00 p.m.
4 Pro Forum 7:00 p.m.
(sports talk program - recorded weekly at Henry Ford
Community College - with a focus on professional hockey,
football, basketball, and baseball)

Wednesdays

The Christian Hour 6:00 p.m.
(Church of Christ, New Boston)

Thursdays

Miscellaneous tapes 11:00 a.m.
(tapes submitted by local schools and community groups)
W. D. Mohammed 6:00 p.m.
Greater Faith Ministries 7:00 p.m.

Fridays

4 Pro Forum 11:30 a.m.
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EDS AFFIDAVITS

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draft of the settlement agreement which had been going back and forth between him and Mr. Ternan. I made the call with the full prior approval of both Mr. Ternan and Mr. Jacobs. During our conversation, Mr. Jacobs asked me how our negotiations were progressing with Mr. Flynn. I explained that they were going slowly and that Mr. Flynn was a tough negotiator. At that point Mr. Jacobs urged me to 'wrap up' the purchase of the Flynn property because it would be a strong signal on EDS' part that it was proceeding in good faith. I then asked Mr. Jacobs if EDS, after acquiring the Flynn property, should proceed with filing new well permit applications with the MDEQ and USEPA [United States Environmental Protection Agency]. He said, 'Yes.'

Marshall's affidavit also affirms that City attorneys encouraged EDS to acquire an MT-2 property as part of the settlement negotiation process.

Marshall stated, "Mr. Seifman expressed great optimism that EDS' settlement proposal would result in settlement of all litigation. Specifically, Mr. Seifman stated, 'This gives the [City] Council what it needs to settle, limiting the Deepwell to the MT2 zoning district and abandoning the existing well, which is a political problem.'"

Despite the fact that there is no litigation currently pending between the City and EDS concerning the Citrin Drive site, City attorney Mark Jacobs refused to either confirm or deny statements contained in the EDS affidavits, claiming that all the City's dealings with EDS are related. □

Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

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Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Adult Summer Softball

Although the Romulus Recreation Department plans to accept team registrations for its adult summer softball league as late as Saturday, April 12, early sign-up is strongly recommended. (League Classification breakdown: Red = B & C; White = C & D; Blue = D & below.)

Mon./Wed. Men's White Division

- 8 teams / 21 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, and 10:00
- cost: \$575

Mon./Wed. Women's White Division

- 8 teams / 21 games / 1 umpire
- times: 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, and 10:00
- cost: \$450

Tues. Women's Blue Division

- 8 teams / 14 games / 1 umpire
- times: 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, and 10:00
- cost: \$350

Thurs. Men's Blue Division

- 8 teams / 14 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, and 10:00
- cost: \$475

Fri. Men's Red Division - Field A

- 8 teams / 14 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:15, 7:30, 8:45, and 10:00
- cost: \$475

Fri. Men's Blue Division - Field B

- 8 teams / 14 games / 2 umpires
- times: 6:15, 7:25, 8:35, and 9:45
- cost: \$475

Sun. Men's White Division

- doubleheader format
- 10 teams / 18 games / 2 umpires
- times: 12:00, 1:10, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, and 5:50
- cost: \$500

U of D Titans Game

Kids eight and over (children seven and under must be accompanied by an adult) are invited to take a trip on Saturday, February 22, to watch Perry Watson and the University of Detroit Titans play Northern Illinois. A cost of \$2 includes admission, supervision, and transportation (a bus will leave the Recreation building at 3 p.m. and return around 6:30 p.m.). Sign up by Friday, February 21, is required.

Detroit Pistons Game

Kids eight and over (children seven and under must be accompanied by an adult) are invited to take a trip on Sunday, March 2, to see the Detroit Pistons take on the Atlanta Hawks. A cost of \$16 includes admission, supervision, and transportation (a bus will leave the Recreation building at 5:15 p.m. and return around 11 p.m.). Tickets are limited, so early sign-up is recommended.

Beginning Keyboard

There's still time for children ages seven and up to sign up for the Romulus Recreation Department's beginning keyboard classes, which began earlier this week. Classes will be held at the Recreation building from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday through March 26. Cost is \$33 for residents; \$36 for non-residents. Participants must furnish their own keyboard.

Open Recreation

An "open" or "drop-in" recreation program for Romulus students (proper I.D. required) is held at Halecreek and Wick schools each Saturday according to the following schedule:

- elementary-age students (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), and
- middle- and high-school students (2 to 4 p.m.).

Cost is \$1 per week.

Teen Drop-in Basketball

A drop-in basketball program for Romulus teens (proper I.D. required) is underway at Merriman (Wednesdays) and Wick (Thursdays) schools. Romulus Middle School students play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; students from Romulus High School play from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per evening.

Adult Coed Volleyball


A drop-in volleyball program open to adults (proper I.D. required) continues to be held at Wick Elementary School on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$1.50 per evening for residents; \$2 for nonresidents.

Men's Drop-in Hoops

Adult men who reside in Romulus (proper I.D. required) can drop in for basketball play from 6 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday at Romulus Middle School. Cost is \$2 per evening.

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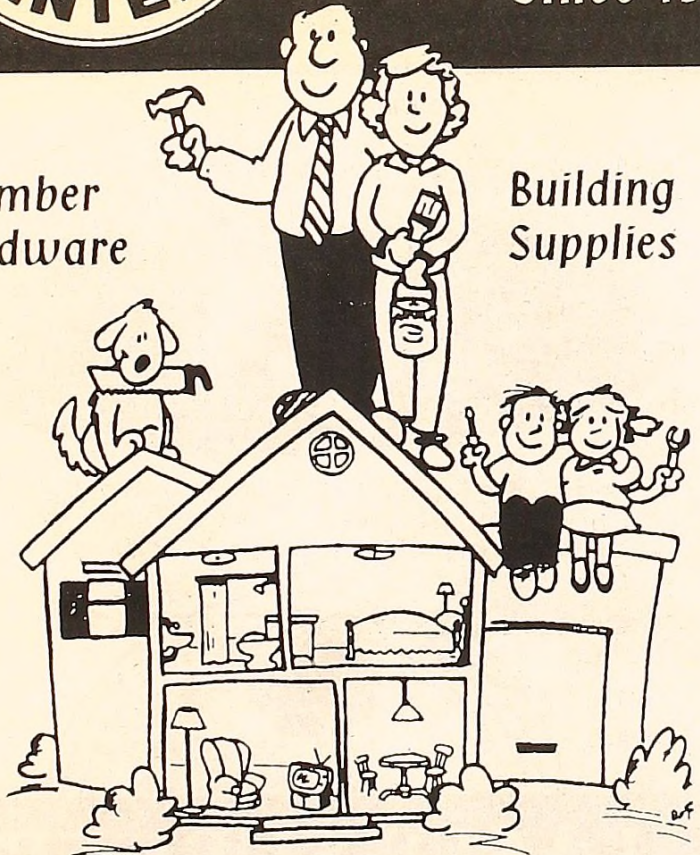
Don't miss the (tape-delay) broadcast of the Romulus-River Rouge basketball game, which will soon be aired on Channel 43. Call either the Cable office (942-7570) or the Recreation office (942-6852) for days and times. □



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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

House To Vote on an Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment Education Act

Representative Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield) has introduced the Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment Education Act to Michigan's House Health Policy Committee.

Osteoporosis—a disease that weakens the bones of 24 million Americans and results in 1.5-million bone-fractures each year—is usually diagnosed in patients between the ages of 50 and 70. Eighty percent of those diagnosed are women.

"Prevention and education are key instruments to combating this debilitating disease, which affects more and more Americans each day," said Representative Quarles, who also warned, "If steps are not taken to reduce the incidence of osteoporosis, its prevalence is expected to double in 25 years due to the aging of the population."

Among the potentially dire consequences of the disease, said Quarles, is the fact that 20% of osteoporosis patients who suffer hip fractures die within a year due to pneumonia or blood clots in the lungs related to inactivity.

According to Health Policy Committee chairman Joseph Palamara (D-Wyandotte), passage of the bill would establish a Statewide program within the Department of Community Health to enhance public awareness and knowledge of osteoporosis.

Potluck

The Romulus Senior Center will continue its sampling of foods from different cultures at this month's potluck dinner (set for Friday, February 28, at 1 p.m.), which will feature African-American cuisine in honor of Black History Month. A main dish of fried chicken (with an alternative of macaroni and cheese for those who do not want to eat meat) will be served. An added attraction will be songs performed by Ms. Sherry Rush, whom some of you may remember from her brief association with the "hot meals" program.

As always, bring a dish and bring a friend.

Senior Crime Watch

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhood are invited to attend the Center's next "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26. Officer Tom Ellis of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand to offer his assistance and share his expertise.

Isn't your protection and peace of mind worth an hour of your time?

Legal Aid

Wayne County residents who are at least 60 years of age can receive free legal assistance in most civil matters at Legal Aid clinics to be held on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, February 25**
Senior Citizens Activity Building
15218 Farmington (at Five Mile)
Livonia, Michigan
313-522-2710
- **Tuesday, March 4**
September Days Senior Center
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, Michigan
313-699-8919

No appointment is necessary; seniors are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Programs begin at 9:30 a.m., and continue until everyone (limit: 25 people) who has signed up by 10:30 a.m. has been seen.

For further information, please call 313-964-5310.

Free Blood-pressure Readings

Community Emergency Medical Service conducts its free blood-pressure checks at the Center on the fourth Monday of every month at 1 p.m. Next scheduled date: February 24.

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation.

Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For further information about the "Meals on Wheels" program, call 1-800-851-1454.

Volunteers Wanted

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to homebound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement. For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4444.

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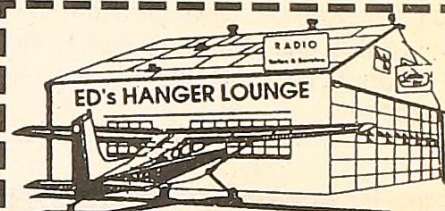
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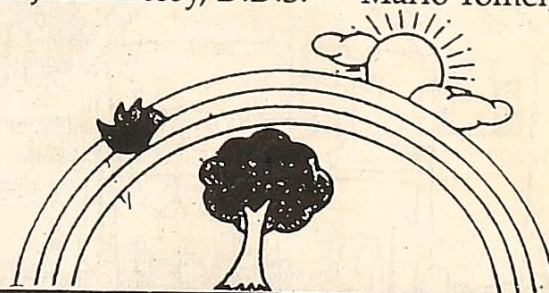
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Senior Profiles: Ray Moomaw and Norbert Kolbe

Editor's note: These are the fifteenth and sixteenth in an ongoing series of biographies on local senior citizens written by Romulus High School teacher

Cathy Uhring's 1996-1997 freshman English students, and published in Open Up the Doors of the Past. Watch for more biographies in future issues.

"Study Hard and Stay Out of Trouble"



Ray Moomaw

By Charlene Winters, Scott Stahl, & Mike Martinez

Ray was born on September 17, 1936 in Wixom, Michigan. He has three sisters and four brothers. His father worked on railroads and his mother was a homemaker. When Ray was born, his father was fifty-five years old and his mother was forty-two years old. Throughout childhood, Ray played sports and chased the girls. His family was poor and had to heat their house with a coal burner. They went to the Good Fellows for Christmas.

Ray went all the way through school. He graduated from Romulus High. His favorite teachers were Mrs. Gay and Mr. Knowlton. The teachers back then would discipline students by making them go out in the hall. Teachers would spank them for what they did that was bad. His favorite subject was English; his worst was Government. Ray advises kids today to study hard and stay out of trouble. He remembers most when Romulus's football team beat Belleville.

Ray met his wife at a bowling alley. She was walking by to go to the juke box when he flipped her a coin asking her to play him a song. She told him to come up there with her. They started dating. They went to Ypsilanti to a church and were married. Ray was eighteen when the first of seven children was born. Ray has raised his kids the way he was raised. His most memorable event was when his first grandchild was born.

Ray thinks that parents today don't have enough control over their kids. He says kids today have too much freedom and parents don't have to beat their kids to make them learn; they should do more with their chil-

dren. Families were closer than they are now. They went places together. Boys would try to make money to get a car and take girls out on dates. Ray's favorite car is a '57 Chevy. Some boys would go to the service.

When Ray was old enough, he had to get a job to help support the family. His first job was shining shoes at the age of twelve. When he was older, he worked for Joe Lambert.

Ray went into the Army, which is what made him grow up. When Ray got out of the Army, he got a job at General Motors. He put thirty years in at GM. He was a maintenance man. He liked working there because there was no pressure.

When we asked about Ray's goals in life, he said his one goal was to become a high school football coach. He has done everything that he wanted, and he went everywhere he wanted. The goal his father had for him was to go to Michigan State University. Marriage and not having enough money prevented him from accomplishing the goal. Ray wanted his kids to go to college too. If Ray could do anything differently, he would have gone to college so he wouldn't have had to work in a factory.

When we inquired about technology, he said he thinks that kids watch too much television and do nothing with their spare time. He thinks that kids should learn about technology all that they can so they can get a good job.

When we asked him about how mental illness was viewed, he said it was prevented when you were in your twenties and if you had a problem they would put you away. If you were in your thirties and had a problem like that, they would try to get you some kind of help.

When we asked who his favorite president was, he said it was John F. Kennedy because he was a good man who knew what he was doing. He thinks that he died too early.

When we asked Ray if he thinks that senior citizens should work, he said that it is good for senior citizens to stay motivated and work to keep money in their pockets. His long life recipe is to eat the right foods and not to smoke.

We learned a lot about Ray and what went on when he was growing up. We thank Ray Moomaw very much for the information and his time.

"Electricity Was the Most Important Invention of My Time"



Norbert Kolbe

By Tenyshia Willis & Nekita Jackson

Do you know what bending the elbow means? Read about our trip to the Romulus Tower and our interview with Norbert Kolbe and find out what it means.

When our group first walked into the Romulus Tower, we were very anxious. We thought that the elders would frown at us. We thought that they would not answer any of our questions that we had for them, or would only act stubborn and try to change the subject. We also thought that when we sat down, they would start to whisper about us.

My friends and I were chosen to interview Norbert Kolbe. Norbert Kolbe is a short man with prominent ears and a long nose. He is a humorous man that looks like he has been through a lot when he was a child. Norbert walks slowly with a lean and sits hunched over. It seemed like Norbert was very nervous because when my group would ask him a question, he would say, "I do not know," but would soon remember and answer it. Norbert spoke in a quiet tone of voice.

Norbert Kolbe is a divorced seventy-five year old man. He was born on June 30, 1920 in Freemont, Ohio. Norbert never really mentioned anything about his family. He told us that he had a sister and a brother.

Norbert says in his days teachers would paddle students. Norbert said that some of the teachers would also twist his ears, or he would be sent down to the principal's office. He also mentioned that there should be paddling in schools now. He said maybe kids would do better in school.

Norbert was nineteen when he graduated from high school. He graduated in 1940 from Freemont Ross High in Freemont, Ohio. His

favorite subjects were math and industrial arts. Norbert did not really enjoy English. He said it took him four years to finish. Norbert told us this little story that happened after his prom. He said that he and his friends were standing around the school talking to each other and drinking alcohol when one of the teachers walked by. He asked the teacher did he want a sip. Then the teacher started talking to them about how they should not do that.

A tragic thing that happened to Norbert was when he was divorced. Norbert did not mention his wife's name, but we saw pictures (she looked very nice). Norbert's wife was unable to have kids, but they took care of his niece. Now his niece is taking care of him. Norbert says the reason why he and his wife were divorced was because he bent the elbow too much. Bending the elbow in those days meant you smoked or drank too much. Norbert's brother died from bending the elbow too many times. Norbert's brother died when he was forty-two. That's what made Norbert stop bending the elbow. Now he regrets drinking and smoking.

When we asked what was the most important invention of his time, Norbert said it was electricity. The reason why he said he liked electricity was because with the light all you had to do was flick a switch. When asked what he did before television, Norbert said he would sit around and listen to the comedians named Amos and Andy. Also, all of the family would sit around and play cards.

My group asked Norbert if he thought television was good or bad. He said he would laugh every now and then or maybe even a couple of times, but they put too much tragedy in it. And Norbert really doesn't like violence.

My group asked Norbert another question. We asked Norbert what he thought about computers. Norbert said he did not know too much about computers. Norbert said that one day they would probably be making machines with computers. However, Norbert did give us a little advice about computers. He said you should stick with them and learn as much as you can about them.

In this story we learned about bending the elbow and how there should be paddling in schools today. We would also like to thank Norbert Kolbe for taking time out of his schedule to tell us about his life.

Cory Kids Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Cory Elementary School students, whose hard work paid off when they were named to the honor roll for the second card-marking of the 1996-1997 school year.

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who made the principal's honor roll.)

Mr. Blackburn's Class

Mehlia Adkins, Taritonye Burutolu, Maranda Cushman, Sherri Davis, Austin Gresham, Della Hamby, Cynthia Hendre, Curtis Jackson, Bethany Swauger, and *Cassandra Wilson.

Ms. English's Class

Lauryn Farkas, Brittany Johnson, Dijon Piggee, Jodi Schultz, Brandon Smith, Andrew Vera, and *Kimberly Wilson.

Ms. Gilkey's Class

Theresa Chadwick, Stacey Clarke, Raleah Davis, Jessica Deverich, *Carissa Drobil, Randall Frye, Shaenna Kettlewell, Franz Lanning, and Kiera Wilson.

Ms. Heinzelman's Class

*Kelly Hardway, Melissa Holman, Falcia Modzynski, Derek Pepper, Andrew Rodger, Ta-Kara Roquemore, Clifford Smith, and Shannon Winkles.

Ms. Miller's Class

John Ayers, Corie McKendry, Bryant

Mosley, Rebecca Oros, *Jamie Ross, and *Ryan Tackett.

Ms. Pluff's Class

Sammantha Chapman, Demetrius Dew, *Doloris Garry, Nicole Goodman, Anthony Groce, Cory Haynes, Anne Ross, Khyla Ross, Stephanie Schultz, Antonia Walker, and LeRodd Williams.

Ms. Price's Class

Lauren Belle, Chanisa Burnett, Ayibatari Burutolu, *Megan Crozier, Christina Gavin, Jessica Moore, Tamara Mrazik, Brian Rodger, Arlennea Sav-age, and Jessica Sears.

Ms. Walters' Class

Tiffany Block, Deliliah Brennan, Monika Burgess, *Teela Carroll, Joshua Crozier, Brandon Finley, Keith Haynes, Melissa Hubbard, Lavar Mingo, Carolyn Moore, Jessica Rodman, and Kono Staple.

Ms. Watson's Class

*Ryan Barnes, Tondra Bland, Tiffany Claiborne, Jennifer Dennard, Jacob Frushour, Alan Huguley, Kourtney Lester, Krystle McKay, Erin Strain, and Cecilia Wells.

Editor's note: As always, "the little paper" welcomes honor-roll lists from all Romulus-area elementary and secondary schools. For more information, call 941-1907 or 941-3113.

Look for "CINDERELLA WEDDING" information coming in the next issue of *The Romulus News*.

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 27, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 27, 1997 was called to order at 7:33 P.M. by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Roll call showed Member Sandra F. Langley absent (excused). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/97/16 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1/97/17 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi to approve the Minutes of the January 13, January 15, and January 21, 1997 meetings as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel recommendations for Board approval.

1) Employment: Mary McGill, Principal, Merriman Elementary School, Effective February 17, 1997; and Mark Watson, Teacher, Barth Elementary School, Effective January 27, 1997.

2) Retirement: Thomas Westlake, Teacher, Senior High School, Effective February 1, 1997; and Mary Treader, Teacher, Adult Education, Effective February 1, 1997.

3) Voluntary Quit: Sharon Genga, Resource Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective January 24, 1997.

1/97/18 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to approve the personnel recommendations as presented by Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

1/97/19 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Goals 2000 Technology - Elementary/Linda Cook

Mrs. Linda Cook presented a report on our continuing services concerning various programs of our technology, and answered questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

Executive Session - Contract Proposals

1/97/20 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract proposals. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:54 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:05 P.M.

Vote on RASA 4-Year Contract

1/97/21 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve a new collective bargaining agreement with the Romulus Association of School Administrators for the 1996-97 school year through and including 1999/2000 with changes as outlined on the attached. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Vote on Local 1917 4-Year Contract

1/97/22 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve a new collective bargaining agreement with Local 1917 for the 1996-97 school year through and including 1999/2000 with changes as outlined on the attached. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience discussed the following topics with the Board of Education: 1) District Ensemble Festival; 2) Resolution of the REA Contract; 3) class size; 4) Merriman's principalship; and 5) attendance.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

None.

Executive Session - Negotiations/Litigation

1/97/23 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations and Litigation. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:51 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/97/24 Moved by Lenossi supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard J. Kesner, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Police Urge Holiday Flyers to Plan Ahead for Parking

As the number of people using Detroit Metropolitan Airport continues to rise, the Romulus Police Department is urging Airport users—especially those who'll be flying during the Easter holiday—to prepare ahead for parking problems, both at the Airport itself and the off-site parking lots.

With Easter only a few weeks away, Romulus Police have once again become concerned with parking problems arising from the increased use of Metro Airport. Passengers trying to find an open long-term lot either in the Airport or in one of the off-site lots in Romulus are finding "lots full" signs with increasing regularity.

To avoid problems, the Romulus Police Department suggests that you plan ahead for your trip to the Airport. Make sure that you have an idea where you would like to park, and call ahead to check the lot's status. Use the "parking hot-line" (1-800-642-1978) for updates on the condition of the lots located within the Airport.

You can also call off-site lots and check on their availability. All of them offer shuttle services to and from the Airport; and all are within a five-minute drive of the Airport. However, you should still plan on arriving at the Airport about

two hours ahead of time, ensuring yourself plenty of time to park and make it to your gate.

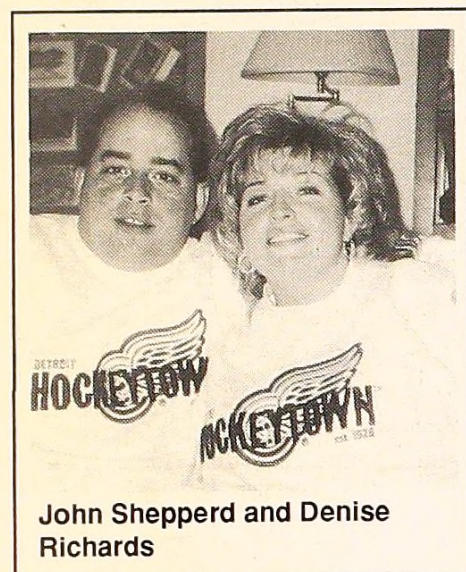
There are eight different parking lots located within the City of Romulus. The lots, their phone numbers, and general locations are:

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If, after all your preparations, you still find a "lot full" sign posted at the entrance of a lot, do not stop and wait in traffic lanes of the travelled roadway. Officers from the Romulus Police Department will be patrolling these areas and ticketing motorists for obstructing traffic. □

Engagements

John Shepperd and Denise Richards



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Planning a spring wedding are John Shepperd of Warren, Michigan, and Denise Richards of Romulus, Michigan.

The couple, who became engaged last November, have set a date of April 26, 1997, for their wedding, which will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. (Romulus, MI).

Standing up with John will be his friend and best man, Matt Clemons (Clawson, MI), as well as groomsmen

Alan Shepperd, brother of the groom (Warren, MI); Rodney Richards, brother of the bride (Romulus, MI); Sam Iopicolo, friend of the groom (Richmond, MI), and Dewayne Mento, friend of the groom (Warren, MI).

Attending Denise will be her cousin and maid of honor, Maureen Byers (Lincoln Park, MI), as well as bridesmaids Dawn Evanski, sister of the bride (Romulus, MI); Debbie Lancaster, sister of the bride (Romulus, MI); Shannon Cholle, friend of the bride (Romulus, MI); Pam Belknap, friend of the bride (Romulus, MI); and Debbie Skoczylas, friend of the bride (Westland, MI).

Lester Lancaster, nephew of the bride, will be the ring bearer, while the bride's nieces, Jaclyn Evanski and Katie Richardson, will serve as flower girls.

Miniature groom and bride will be Ricky Evanski (nephew of the bride) and Alex Reinhart (niece of the groom).

A reception at Joy Manor (Westland, MI) will immediately follow the ceremony.

John's mother is the late Jean Shepperd. Denise is the daughter of Dennis and Kaye Richards (Romulus, MI).

Daniel Sparks and Ginnger Miles

Announcing their plans for a fall wedding are Daniel Sparks of Shelby Township, Michigan, and Ginnger Miles of Romulus, Michigan.

The couple, who became engaged on December 3, 1996, will exchange their vows in a ceremony to be held at Heritage Park (Taylor, MI) on October 24, 1997.

Standing up with Daniel will be his best man, Brian Larebelle (Eastpointe, MI), as well as groomsmen Dennis Munn (Eastpointe, MI), Kevin Miles (Romulus, MI), and Scott Black (Romulus, MI).

Ginnger's attendants will be her

maid of honor, Teresa Black (Romulus, MI), as well as bridesmaids Tammy Damron (Romulus, MI), Sherry Larebelle (Eastpointe, MI), and Michele Byrd (Ortonville, MI).

Trevor Stevenson, the groom's son, will be the ring bearer, while the bride's daughter, Chelsea Damron, will serve as flower girl.

Daniel's parents are Charles Sparks (Clinton Township, MI) and Dave and Linda Fisher (Shelby Township, MI).

Ginnger is the daughter of James Miles (Orangefield, TX) and Sarena Ostrosky (Romulus, MI).

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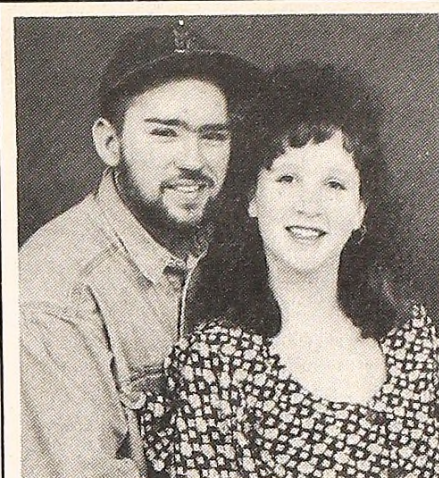
Congratulations to newlyweds Charles and Karla (LaForest) Wilkerson, who were married on Saturday, February 15, 1997, after a seven-month engagement.

The ceremony was conducted at Heritage Park Wedding Chapel (Taylor, MI), with Greg Dickie and Katrina Jablonski serving as best man and maid of honor, respectively.

A reception — held at the home of the groom's parents — immediately followed.

Charles is the son of Edward and Lorraine Wilkerson (Romulus, MI).

Karla is the daughter of Donald and Regina LaForest (Taylor, MI).



Charles and Karla Wilkerson

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Obituaries

Mary Elenor (McLean) Burgess

Mary Elenor Burgess of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, February 14, 1997. She was 77 years old.

The Ford Motor Company retiree was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on November 11, 1919.

Surviving Mary are her stepson, Duane William Burgess; her stepdaughter, Mrs. George (Sharon L.) Bauman, and her brother, Ross E. McLean.

She was predeceased by her hus-

band, Cecil Burgess, who died on March 14, 1993.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 17, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend David Powless (Light and Life Free Methodist Church) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes may be made to the Salvation Army.

Kenneth Lee Leppen

Kenneth Lee Leppen of Romulus, Michigan, died in Bushnell, Florida, on Thursday, February 6, 1997, at the age of 69.

Kenneth — a native of Otsego, Michigan — was employed as a truck driver. He had been a winter resident of Sumter Oaks, Florida, since 1989.

Surviving Kenneth are his wife, Ruth F. Leppen; one son, Daniel Lee Leppen (Romulus, MI); two daughters, Marilyn Leppen (Westland, MI) and Glenda Lindemann (Saline, MI); and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Purcell Funeral Home (Bushnell, FL).

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